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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PINT, CH  
SUBJ: NO MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS AT NPC SESSION

1. CULTURAL RELICS ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU DIRECTOR WANG  
YEH-CHIU TOLD NEW AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR (PROTECT SOURCING)  
LAST WEEK (APPROXIMATELY DEC 10) THAT THIRD SESSION OF  
NPC STANDING COMMITTEE WHICH MET NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 2  
HAD NOT MADE NEW MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS IN CULTURE,  
EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PHYSICAL CULTURE. HE DID  
NOT STATE WHETHER THE INCUMBENTS HAD BEEN FORMALLY  
REMOVED AT THE SESSION--THOUGH THEIR POLITICAL DEMISE IS  
AN OPEN SECRET. OVER THE WEEKEND THE EXTERIOR OF THE  
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH WAS PLASTERED WITH BIG CHARACTER  
POSTERS PRITICIZING ERSTWHILE MINISTER LIU HSIANG-PING.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS INCREASING SUSPICION HERE  
THAT THE NPC SESSION "ACHIEVEMENTS" WERE LIMITED TO THOSE ON  
THE PUBLIC RECORD: APPOINTMENT OF TENG YING-  
CHAO, NAMING OF HUANG HUA TO SUCCEED THE DISMISSED  
CHIAO KUAN-HUA, AND "DISCUSSION" OF OTHER  
APPOINTMENTS/DISSMISSALS. IN THE ABSENCE OF CONCRETE  
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EVIDENCE OF FORWARD MOTION THE TENG-CENTRIC THEORY

OF THE POST-GANG OF FOUR CHINESE POLITICAL DYNAMIC  
IS GAINING ADHERENTS: I.E., KEY APPOINTMENTS MUST  
AWAIT TENG'S SECOND RESURRECTION, FOR THE NATURE OF  
HIS REHABILITATION (ESPECIALLY THE POSITION AWARDED  
HIM) WILL INEVITABLY SHAPE THE ASSIGNMENT OF VICE  
PREMIERSHIPS, MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS, AND SENIOR  
PARTY POSITIONS. CONVERSELY, SO LONG AS THE QUESTION  
OF TENG'S STATUS IN THE NEW LEADERSHIP REMAINS  
CONTENTIOUS--AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS--FORWARD PROGRESS  
ON BOTH APPOINTMENTS AND POLICY WILL BE DIFFICULT.  
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